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FILING DATE **SERIAL NUMBER** FIRST NAMED INVENTOR ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. NILSSEN 03/04/91 07/663,566 EXAMINER OLE K. NILSSEN CAESAR DRIVE ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER BARRINGTON, IL 60010 252 DATE MAILED: This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS ☐ This application has been examined Responsive to communication filed on ____ 30 days from the date of this letter. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire_____ _ month(s), _ Fallure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133 THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(8) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION: 1. Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. ☐ Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449. 3. 5. Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474. Part II **SUMMARY OF ACTION** 1. Z Claims 2. Claims_ 3. Claims 4. Claims_ Claims . ____ are subject to restriction or election requirement. 7. 🔲 This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes. 8. Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action. 9. D The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on _ ___ . Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are acceptable. In not acceptable (see explanation or Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948). 10. The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on ______ has (have) been approved by the examiner. \Box disapproved by the examiner (see explanation). 11. The proposed drawing correction, filed on ________, has been approved. disapproved (see explanation). 12. Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has Deen received not been received been filed in parent application, serial no.; filed on _ 13. \square Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

EXAMINER'S ACTION

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Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-3, drawn to the combination of a waveform generating means and a matching means, classified in Class 315, subclass 246.
- II. Claims 4-12, drawn to a specific inverter arrangement to produce a waveform, classified in Class 315, subclass 219.

Inventions I and II are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations. (M.P.E.P. § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because a circuit other than that of group II can produce the recited waveform. The subcombination has separate utility such as such as a means for producing another waveform.

III. Claims 8-12, drawn to a specific inverter that requires a tank inductor and a disconnectable connection, classified in Class 315, subclass 283.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons: Group III is directed to an invention that in independent from that of group I and II. See MPEP 806.04. In Serial No. 663,566

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the instant case the invention an defined by group III is directed toward an invention that requires a tank inductor and a disconnectable connection. The invention of group II is directed toward an arrangement having an inverter. Group I is directed toward a waveform generating means.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Son Dinh whose telephone number is (703) 308-4943.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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